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1. FOODGRAIN STOCK POSITION AND FORECAST

A. MISSION FORECAST SIX COLUMNS: MONTH, OPENING STOCK,
DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT, IMPORTS, OFFTAKES AND CLOSING
STOCK EXPRESSED IN THOUSANDS OF TONS. RICE STOCKS IN
PARENTHESES. LETTERS INDICATE NOTES IN SECTION C.,
FOLLOWING.

(1.) MONTHLY POSITION FOR JANUARY - JUNE, 1978 AS
FOLLOWS:

JANUARY, 815 (289), 189(189), 13(5), 143(35), 874(448).
FEBRUARY, 874(448), 96(96), 6(6), 155(43), 821(507).
MARCH, 821(507), 40(40), 56(6), 165(52), 752(501).
APRIL, 752(501), 10, 114, 160(43), 716(458).
MAY, 716(458), 50(50), 199, 160(43), 805(465).
JUNE, 805(465), NIL, 39, 155(42), 689(423).
INVENTORY ADJUSTMENT FOR LOSS: 86(25).

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(2.) MONTHLY POSITION FOR JULY - DECEMBER, 1978

JULY, 603(398), NIL, 168, 160(43), 611(355).
AUGUST, 611(355), NIL, 80, 175(47), 516(308).
SEPTEMBER, 516(308), NIL, 125, 185(50), 456(258).
OCTOBER, 456(258), NIL, 105(5), 190(51), 371(212).
NOVEMBER, 371(212), 10(10), 120, 150(41), 351(181).

DECEMBER, 351(181), 160(160), 40, 120(32), 431(309).

(3.) AGGREGATE FORECAST JANUARY - JUNE, 1979

OPENING STOCK: 431(309); DOMESTIC PROCUREMENT: 430(380);
IMPORTS: 753(25); OFFTAKES: 810(219); AND CLOSING STOCK
JUNE 30, 1979: 804(495).

B. BDG FORECAST DATED APRIL 19, 1978 IN THOUSANDS OF TONS
FOR PERIOD JULY, 1978 THROUGH JUNE, 1979 (RICE STOCKS IN
PARENTHESES):

JULY, 750(335)(A), 5(5), 100(100)(B), 170(52), 685(388).
AUGUST, 685(388), 5(5), 150, 170(52), 670(341).
SEPTEMBER, 670(341), 20(20), 200, 185(56), 705(305).
OCTOBER, 705(305), NIL, 150, 205(64), 650(241).
NOVEMBER, 650(241), 15(15), 100, 170(52), 595(204).
DECEMBER, 595(204), 175(175), NIL, 125(38), 645(341).
JANUARY, 645(341), 200(200), NIL, 140(35)(C), 705(506).
FEBRUARY, 705(506), 100(100), 50, 160(42), 695(564).
MARCH, 695(564), 45(45), 200, 175(44), 765(565).
APRIL, 765(565), 10, 200, 180(46), 795(519).
MAY, 795(519), 5(5), 200, 160(49), 840(475).
JUNE, 840(475), 20(20), 200, 160(49), 900(446).

C. COMMENTS: (A) ASSUMES ARRIVAL OF SECOND 100,000 TONS
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UNDER PL 480 TITLE I AND 115,000 TONS FROM THE EEC BEFORE JUNE 30. ALSO TAKES INTO ACCOUNT INVENTORY ADJUSTMENT FOR LOSS EQUAL TO 97,700 TONS AS OF JUNE 30, 1978. (B) THE APPARENT INTENTION TO IMPORT 100,000 TONS OF RICE IS INEXPLICABLE GIVEN THE UNBALANCED STOCKS, WHEAT TO RICE, BY THE END OF JUNE, 1979. (C) OFFTAKES FOR THE PERIOD JANUARY, 1979 THRU JUNE, 1979 ARE FORECAST TO BE 165,000 TONS HIGHER THAN THE AVERAGE FOR THE SAME PERIOD IN 74, 75, AND 77.

2. IMPORTS. IN GROUPS OF FOUR BY MONTH: COUNTRY OF ORIGIN OR
DONOR SOURCE, COMMODITY, TONNAGE IN THOUSANDS AND TERMS.

A. JANUARY THRU MARCH PROVIDED REFTTEL.

B. APRIL (TOTAL 113.5): FRG, WHEAT, 50, GRANT; CANADA,
WHEAT, 19, GRANT; TITLE II, SORGHUM, 7.5, GRANT; UK,
WHEAT 14, GRANT; WFP, WHEAT, 23 GRANT.

C. MAY (TOTAL 199.5): WFP, WHEAT 5, GRANT;
TITLE I, WHEAT, 70, LOAN; TITLE II, SORGHUM, 2.5, GRANT
TITLE II, WHEAT, 49, GRANT; CANADA, WHEAT, 73, GRANT.

D. JUNE (TOTAL 39); TITLE I, WHEAT, 22, LOAN; TITLE II,
WHEAT, 17, GRANT.

E. JULY (TOTAL 168): TITLE I, WHEAT, 108, LOAN; EEC, WHEAT,
60, GRANT.

F. AUGUST (TOTAL 80): EEC, WHEAT, 55, GRANT; CANADA, WHEAT,
25,; &4-,5.

G. SEPTEMBER (TOTAL 125): CANADA, WHEAT, 125, GRANT.

H. OCTOBER (TOTAL 105): AUSTRALIA, WHEAT, 50, GRANT;
ITALY, RICE, 5, GRANT; CANADA, WHEAT, 50, GRANT.
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I. NOVEMBER (TOTAL 120): WFP, WHEAT, 100, GRANT; UK,
WHEAT, 20, GRANT.

J. DECEMBER (TOTAL 40): TITLE II, WHEAT, 40, GRANT.

K. JANUARY THROUGH JUNE, 1979; ESTIMATE OF DONOR DELIVERIES:
PL 480 TITLE II, WHEAT, 400; PL 480 TITLE II, WHEAT, 60;
BELGIUM, WHEAT, 3; EEC, WHEAT, 150; FRANCE, WHEAT, 15;
FRG, WHEAT, 50; FINLAND, RICE, 5; JAPAN, RICE, 20; WFP,
WHEAT, 50.

3. PRICE FOR MONTH OF MARCH, 1978 (TAKA PER MAUND)

WEEK	COARSE RICE COUNTRY AVERAGE	MEDIUM RICE COUNTRY AVERAGE
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FIRST	134.1	146.3
SECOND	136.4	146.4
THIRD	141.0	150.9
FOURTH	146.4	156.0
MONTH AVERAGE	139.5	149.9
PRICE APRIL 14, 1978	148.7	161.2

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